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## EVANGELIZE UNTIL

By EVANGELIST ROLFE BARNARD  
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I remind every preacher here of what I try to remind myself: I am responsible to the risen Lord — nobody else, preeminently. He gave me my marching orders. He gave you your marching orders. He gave these marching orders to every child of God: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you—until somebody finds out we are in the last days, until we are in the time of gleanings as prophesied over in the book of Ruth, until we can't win many folks to Christ because it is so hard to get lost people to come to church." Is that what it says? It does not say that, does it? It says, "And, lo, I [remember He was the crucified, buried, risen, glorified Saviour when He said that] am with you always, even unto the end of the age." We can have revivals right up to about a millionth of a second before Jesus comes. Oh, I wish we believed that!

### I. We Are to Evangelize Until Jesus Comes

That is my "until." That is the first part of my message. That

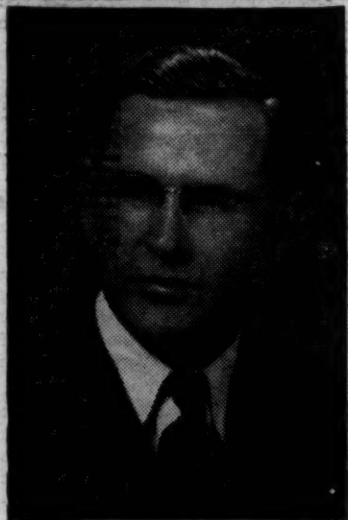
is the "until" part. If you followed me around a little, you would find that I get in pretty hard churches. Some dear sister will come around and say, "Brother Barnard, do you believe these are the last days?"

I say, "I don't know." Well, I am honest. You do not know either. But I know one thing. These are days when Jesus is still with people who are evangelizing the world. We need to get that in our blood, beloved. I have found out what is the abomination of desolation standing in the place where it ought not. It is an evangelist, or a pastor, or a Sunday school teacher, or a mother, or a father who is disgracing Jesus Christ by not going in the power of His promise, not keeping up this business of evangelizing people until He comes. Until He comes!

O my soul! Christians say, "Lost people are so hard now!" I wonder how on earth a man could get any deader than a dead man. Lost people have always been dead to God. They are not any deader now than before. Lost people have always been away from God. They are not any farther away from Him now, than before. A man is not a little lost and a little saved; he is either all lost or all saved. He is away from God or he is following hard after God. And I tell you, your heart is hard, too. My heart is hard. God's people are hard to get to the business of evangelizing the lost until Jesus comes.

I was up in a northern state some months ago. Some men had been holding prayer meetings every day at noon in one of the big factories there, and they wanted me to come over and preach. They were telling me how nobody would listen to their testimony. I said, "Paul said the people listened to his." It is an alibi. If lost people will not listen to your testimony, if some of them are not blessed, if some of them do not believe it, the trouble is not with the lost man; the trouble is with

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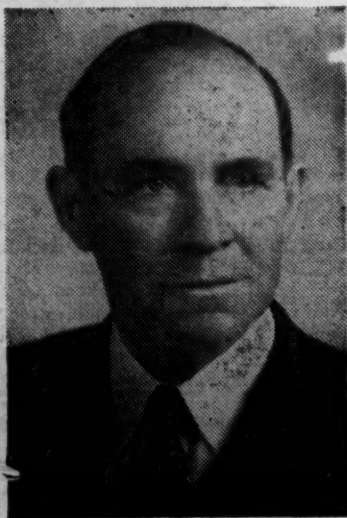
Rev. Rolfe Barnard

## HANKINS' REVIVAL, FORT WAYNE, IND.

Pastors Rejoicing in City-Wide Union Campaign With Over 600 Public Professions of Faith, Led by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Eminent Evangelist, Assisted by the Happy Clarks, Musicians, November 2 - 23

THE SWORD OF THE LORD has received from the fine chairman, from a number of pastors, and from Dr. Hankins brief and thrilling accounts of the blessed revival at Fort Wayne, Indiana, under the direction of Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, our brother and friend. We publish the following accounts in full for several reasons. First, they make fine Christian reading. They delight my own soul and I know that they will prove stimulating to the faith and enjoyable to the heart of other Christians. Second, they will help people to believe that revivals are possible, great city-wide union revivals, just as they have always been when God's people get together and put first things first. We hope these accounts will lead many groups of Bible-believing

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Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

## Men And Their Sins

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands . . ."—I Tim. 2:8.  
"The head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."—I Cor. 11:2.

"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."—I Cor. 11:7-9.

(Sermon preached Sunday afternoon, December 7, at First Methodist Church, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, in city-wide revival campaign, to men only. Stenographically reported for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

In I Corinthians, chapter 11, there is a passage that has to do with the relative place of men and women in the home and in the church, in God's sight.

"Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."—I Cor. 11:1, 2.

Remember that order: God first, then Christ, then man, then woman. God is the head of Christ, Christ is the head of man, and man is the head of the woman.

"Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head."

Men, when you pray, if you should have long, uncut hair or have on your hat, that would be wrong. When a man prays, he takes off his hat. Nobody had to meet you at the door today and remind you to remove your hat; yet every man took off his hat when he came in. A man is not like a woman. God has a different plan for a man than for a woman. And the Scripture says in verses 5 to 9:

"But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her

head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the women be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."

God plainly says here, "A man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man."

In I Timothy 2:8 we read: "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. The next verses continue: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the

man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:9-12).

God says—and He starts with men—"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Here is a Bible doctrine that men are somebody special, and that God has a special work for men. Many things I will say this afternoon may not be new, but I will put a new emphasis to it in that God has a special work for men. God does have a message for men. There is nothing unscriptural in getting together a group of men for a men's meeting. In the twenty-fourth chapter of Joshua, Joshua had a men's meeting. He called together the heads of the tribes of Israel and said to them: "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Last night I read to you Acts, chapter 16. The jailor came to Paul and Silas and said, "What must I do to be saved?" and they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." You can be saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and your house can be saved that way, too. Men, you are to look after your house.

If God is talking to a child, He does not say, "I am looking to you to get your father and mother." But God says to the man: "You believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved, and thy house."

### I. Men in God's Plan

First of all, I want to talk about men in God's plan.

1. Man Is in God's Image in a Sense That Women Are Not.

Christ is masculine. God the Father is masculine. The attributes, the pronouns referring to deity are always masculine. False cults such as "Christian

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## Many Saved At Lewistown Union Revival

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

The Associated Men's Bible Classes of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, decided to try to have a union city-wide revival campaign in Lewistown. The ministers of Lewistown asked for the privilege of joining them in the plans. Then the ministers led in inviting me for such a campaign to be held in the First Methodist Church auditorium, the largest church building in the city. With Dr. Harry D. Clarke as song leader, and Grace Jean Rice as pianist, the campaign began November 26. The invitation first was for fifteen days, but the congregation, led by the pastors, requested us to stay for a third week. A gracious and Heaven-sent revival resulted and our hearts are running over with praise to God.

The First Methodist Church was often filled to capacity with the regular church auditorium, the large Sunday School annex, balcony and extra classrooms opening into the auditorium filled, with others assembled in the basement listening to the service over loud speakers. Occasionally some were turned away, and

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### NINE OF ONE FAMILY SAVED IN LEWISTOWN UNION REVIVAL



Posed here with Dr. Rice and Dr. Clarke are nine converts in the Lewistown revival, all from one family. Three other close relatives were saved before the campaign closed.

Those kneeling, left to right, are: Dr. John R. Rice, James A. Henry, Russell D. Henry, Sr., Russell D. Henry, Jr., Dr. Harry D. Clarke.

Those standing, left to right, are: Stanley Smith, A. A. Henry, Jr., Mrs. A. A. Henry, Jr., Mrs. R. D. Henry, Jr., Mrs. H. E. Smith, H. E. Smith.

## Men and Their Sins

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Science" do not teach it so. (I always put it in quotation marks because the name isn't true. It is like a guinea pig—neither guinea nor pig. It is like grapes—neither grapes nor nuts.) Christian Scientists have been taught a new religion by that woman who was married so many times. She said we should call God "Our Father-Mother God." But that is not what the Bible teaches us about God. God is a masculine God.

So a man, then, is nearer like God than a woman, and in a sense, man is in the image of God. That is the reason I started with the text: "A man indeed ought not to cover his head, for as much as he is the image and glory of God." A man takes off his hat to God because he has nobody between him and Jesus Christ, and man ought not to cover his head forasmuch as man is the image of God and woman is the image and glory of man. Man is not made for a woman but a woman for man. That is God's plan. Whether you like it or not, you are made in the image of God. More is required of you. More is expected of you.

Every man who is married is to his wife the image of Christ. Ephesians, chapter 5, verse 22 says: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord," that is, as if he were Jesus Christ. Your wife is to be subject to you as if you were the Lord. The Scripture goes on to say: "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." That means, then, that the wife is to her husband as the church is to Christ, and the husband is as Christ to his wife. The wife is to be subject to her husband. Am I Christ's own personal representative? Do I represent Jesus Christ in my home? The wife is to come to her husband and find God's will. The wife is to glorify her husband and look to him as if in some sense Christ dwells in the home, in your body. I am, in my home, the image of God Almighty.

When we were born in God's family, He could not think of a better way to illustrate the relationship of God and His children than to teach them to say, "Our Father . . ." We are "born of God," are "children of God," "begotten of God." If you have a child, that child looks to you and you are the best representative God the Father can have in that home. In fact, God is going to hold you accountable for your house. You are the image of your heavenly Father. How

blessed and happy are children who have such a father. In him they can see what God is like. How blessed are children who have such a father that they can see sin doesn't pay. "My dad don't let us get by with sin; so God will not. My dad is good and always just and right and pure; so I can know what God is like." To children, the father is the image of Almighty God the Father. You see, then, that it is pretty serious business to be a man. A man is not just a forked stick with pants on. He is God's own representative on earth with the family. A man is somebody!

In the family, then, he is to lead his family, is to be responsible for the family, and take the lead over them.

### 2. But a Man Ought Also to Take the Lead in Christian Work.

The Devil has spread a slander everywhere and I want to nail it now. There is an idea that preachers and women are supposed to run the church. Yes, people feel that way. You hear them say: "It is all right for a preacher and women to run the church. Preachers are kind of sissies anyhow. We men are too busy. We've got to make a living." No, the truth of the matter is, in the Bible plan God intended men to take leadership.

As far as that is concerned, let me say a word about preachers. A large percentage of them are the most manly and vigorous and upright and bold men that I know.

I tell you now, back in my short life I was as fit as anybody else. I was an iron man in football and played every quarter of every game but the first, for two years. The second year they did not even put in a substitute for me at right tackle. I was tough, and proud of it. Men, when you are a good preacher, you are bound to be somebody. A sissy cannot be much good as a preacher. God is calling for the best in the kingdom work, and God demands men, real men. It does not necessarily take muscle but it surely takes courage.

Go back to the prophets. It is true there were some prophetesses in the Bible but they brought from God individual messages to individuals. They never preached. Deborah was a prophetess but she never preached. She judged individual cases as they came to her. She told Barak what God wanted him to do. Prophetesses gave messages from God to individuals but they never did rule, never did preach. In the Bible, Christian leadership always depended on men. In the Old Testament, every time a great king was to be rebuked, or a backslidden nation was to be called back to God, God called strong and rugged men to do it. There are no greater men in history than prophets like Samuel, Nathan, Daniel, Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist, Stephen and Paul, God-called men.

In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ picked out twelve disciples. There was not a woman in the bunch. It is true that good women followed Jesus and ministered to Him of their substance. Many were saved and went along with the crowd. But Jesus did not pick them out to preach. He picked twelve men. God wants men to lead in His work. This is not silly business. It takes all the courage and character and vision and intellect and manhood that a man has. It is not a baby business, not a sissy business. God intended men to lead. What woman could have done the work of Paul or Barnabas or Silas or Timothy or Apollos or teachers of the New Testament? Pastors of churches in the Bible were all men. The apostles were men. All the evangelists in the Bible were men. God wants men to lead. Preachers, the best thing that could happen to your church would be for a bunch of men with courage and gumption and backbone and common sense and manhood to lead in the church, along with the pastor. Say, "Amen" to that, preachers.

(Preachers on platform: "Amen!")

That is God's plan. In matters

of religious leadership God depends on men.

What was the sin Adam committed? Perhaps you would say, "Taking of the forbidden fruit." No. The Lord rebuked Adam, "Because thou has hearkened unto the voice of thy wife" (Gen. 3:17)—because Adam did what Eve said instead of doing what was right. He said, "She is crazy about pretty clothes and she wants to try everything. She is bound to do it." So Adam went with Eve into sin. The Bible plainly says that Eve was deceived but that Adam was not deceived. He knew better. He knew it would not make him wise. God never intended women to lead men around by their noses. God bless good women. I am not blaming them. I am blaming you sissy-men, you panty-waists who have no conviction, no backbone, no character, no principle, no standards. You don't live for God. You don't have the convictions necessary to live for God. You don't stand. You don't have manhood enough. What we need these days in the matter of religion is godly men to take the place God assigned them in the church.

Men, do you see how serious is your responsibility? If God is going to win this country, He must do it through men. It is a strange thing that people have got more sense in matters of government and business than in matters of religion. They would not elect a woman president, nor follow a woman in business, but leave church to the women! No wonder the Bible said, "Children of this world are in their generations wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). Isn't that a strange thing?

Preachers, are you willing for your church to be run by a handful of godless old hens who want to tell you where to head in? They have got to have their own announcements. You must not run past twelve o'clock or the dinner will burn! God bless the women, but God never intended any preacher to be run by a bunch of women. God never intended the home to be run by women, and God never intended Christian work to be run by women. Men are to lead out in music, in Bible teaching in the church. Men are to lead out in personal soul-winning in the church. God depends on men for leadership. Go to your Bible and try to find any contradictions to that. You can't do it. God has reserved the main place in the church for men.

### II. Men's Sins Against Their Own Bodies

I want you to notice, next, the sins of men. There are three kinds. First of all, there is the sin of men against themselves. Every sin is against God and every sin against God hurts somebody else. But there are some sins particularly against men themselves, against the body. For



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## Dr. Bob Jones, Founder of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., Says --

Recently I sat in one of the studios at Bob Jones University and listened to a group of our students broadcast over a radio station one of the most interesting and inspirational programs it has ever been our privilege to hear and enjoy. An intelligent girl who came to us this year from China told how she found the Lord in her homeland and how she was led to come to Bob Jones University, where she could get special training so she could go back to China and invest her life in Christian service. A very attractive young fellow from New Caledonia told how God led him to our institution to get his training so he could go back to his land and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. A young fellow told about his conversion in a revival in a church in Jamaica and how the Lord directed him to come to Bob Jones University and train for Christian service in Jamaica, "where the Gospel message is so greatly needed." A very lovely girl from Guatemala told how she was saved in her homeland and how a German missionary recommended Bob Jones University to her and how she came such a long way because of the special type Christian training she is getting in Bob Jones University. As we listened to these wonderful testimonies and looked around at the large group who were having a part on the program, I kept saying to myself, "If we could get God's orthodox spiritual people into this room and let them see just what we are doing for our Lord, we would not have to appeal to them to invest some of their money in the glorious work which God is enabling Bob Jones University to do."

A few years ago a great educator visited us when the institution was located in Cleveland, Tennessee. Later he said when speaking at a great educational meeting, "I have inspected over three hundred educational institutions in the United States. There is something about the Bob Jones educational institution that you cannot tell. You have to just go on the campus and feel what is there." From the day we started the school until this blessed moment, all spiritual people who have been on the campus have had a sense of God's presence.

My friends, if you Christian people who really love the Lord Jesus Christ and who desire to invest some money for His glory will help us make up the present deficit and will keep on helping us put up more buildings, we promise you that we will use the money for the Lord. And we will keep on being faithful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. How about taking some of the money you are planning to invest in Christmas gifts and sending it to Bob Jones University. A Christmas gift of this kind will not just do a little temporary good, but it will do good until the end of the age. We believe that the Lord is going to move on the hearts of you Christian people at this Christmas season to do what you have been thinking all the year you would do. We believe you are going to help us carry this burden by investing financially in Bob Jones University. Please let us hear from you.

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example, in I Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 18-20 we read:

"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

A man ought to say, if he is unsaved: "I am not saved but I ought to be." Your body is nevertheless made in the image of Jesus Christ. He had a body like yours. Jesus had a man's body, not a woman's. And you are made in the image of God. You ought to live for God. When you sin, it defiles that body made in the image of God.

In the second place, if you are already converted the Spirit of God lives in your body and your body is the temple, the church house of the Holy Spirit. This window here in the church is beautiful. When the sun shines on it in the afternoon it is especially sweet and beautiful to me. But let me tell you something: God does not especially care about Gothic architecture, a pipe organ, sweet music, altar rails, the glow of candles, stained glass windows. God has no special affinity for those. The house of God is not this building. We say it as an accommodation of thought, but we do not quite tell the truth when we call it a sanctuary. This is the sanctuary (pointing to body). You are the house of God. The Spirit of God dwells in your bodies. Sometimes we have revival services in a big theatre and somebody says, "It does not feel sacred in here." But it is sacred, if God's people are there. It is sacred wherever God's people go. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

I remember how distressed I was once in Dallas. I went to a church building where a great denomination was gathering, and I was surprised to find on the steps of that church house scores and scores of cigarette butts. Before they went in, many would stop and take a few draws on their cigarettes and then throw them away. People came out between Sunday School and church services to smoke cigarettes. They could

hardly wait until the last verse of the invitation so they could get outside and smoke. When I came along by that church at night and saw a glow of cigarettes all up and down the sidewalks, I was grieved in my soul. How do you think God must feel about a church where people come to preach His Word and hear the gospel, and the sidewalk be literally strewn with cigarette stubs? How do you think the Holy Spirit feels about your body when it stinks—your body, the real church house, the real temple of God? What I am saying is that it is a terrible sin for a man to defile his body. You would not need any more argument than that. What is wrong with cigarettes? If they defile your body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost, then there is plenty wrong with them.

I was in Waterloo, Iowa, some years ago. A good man there made me, in a foundry, a bronze door knocker to put on my front door. It says, "God Dwells Within." I said to my wife as I took it home and put it up: "O my! We must make sure that everybody can tell that God dwells within." Every Christian ought to say, "If Jesus Christ lives in me, if the Holy Spirit of God lives in me, if I am God's church house, then what a sin to defile the body!" That is what is wrong with dirty language. That is what is wrong with a lewd mind, with beer, with drunkenness. That is what is wrong with adultery. In a sense all sins are sins against God, of course. But do you see that any sin which defiles this body is, in a special, intimate way, a sin against God because He dwells there? Don't you see what a sin it is for anybody to defile his body?

I am not going into the matter of sex sins, only just enough to say this: God intended men to take the lead and for men to be as pure as anybody else. God never intended a woman to be more chaste than a man. God intended men to take the lead and to live clean. God intended your thoughts to be just as clean as any woman's. If you don't live like God intended you to live, then you are a dirty hypocrite, a quitter, a slacker. Any man who expects a woman to live a purer and cleaner life than you do, then you are not trustworthy, not honest, but you are an insincere hypocrite and the scum of the earth. If you don't live

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# Bob Jones U. Public Dedication

Gov. Thurmond of S. C. Dr. Wm. Ward Ayer, New York; Dr. R. C. McQuilkin of Columbia Bible College; Dr. Thomas Moseley of Nyack, N. Y.; Homer Rodeheaver, Mrs. Billy Sunday, and Many Other Christian and Educational Celebrities  
Take Part in the Formal Dedication of B. J. U.

Because of the union revival campaign at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and inadequate air transportation, the editor was unable to attend the formal dedication service of Bob Jones University on Thanksgiving day, to which he, as a cooperating member of the board, was invited. But we are glad to publish here articles in the Greenville and Charlotte daily newspapers about this tremendous dedication service, attended by thousands. From *The Greenville News*, Friday morning, November 28, we publish the following:

## THOUSANDS ATTEND JONES DEDICATION

By RUTH WALKER

"This institution from the day it started to this good moment has put Jesus Christ first in everything," Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., said last night in Bob Jones university dedicatory ceremonies during which well over 3,000 persons heard Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, civic leaders, educators, ministers and others welcome the school to its new site on the super-highway.

Dr. Jones, board chairman and founder of the university, whose new multi-million dollar plant was opened

here this fall after the school left Cleveland, Tenn., turned the buildings over to his son, President Bob Jones, Jr., for the official dedicatory prayer. In turning to his son, the elder Jones said, "The school already belongs to God. The devil is a four-flusher. Everything he has is stolen. Everything belongs to God. This is simply our recognition of the fact that this is God's."

### Dedicatory Prayer

"Thine it is. We pray Thee that it shall ever be Thine," Dr. Jones Jr., said in the formal dedicatory prayer, invoking divine blessing on the school and urging a quickening of the students' minds and inspiration "for those who teach them . . . pray that no youth here shall ever lose his faith." He prayed that the school should "never be a spot where wisdom boasts of its own power."

The ceremonies, held in the massive Rodeheaver auditorium, climaxed a day of dedication at the school. A prayer and praise service was held in the morning and an athletic program in the afternoon. A turkey dinner was served at noon for students and faculty members. A turkey dinner was served last night for guests, who came from many parts of the country. Last night so many people turned out to the service that the auditorium was filled early and several hundred persons in a nearby building heard the service by a public address system.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond congratulated Greenville on "its vision and cooperation in obtaining this magnificent university" and said that the university leadership showed "good sense and discretion" in selecting Greenville for the site. "The people of South Carolina are glad to have them here," Governor Thurmond said. He praised this nation's freedom and said that "institutions of this kind will flourish forever."

Dr. John L. Flyler, president of Furman university, cited Bob Jones university's rapid growth in enrollment and said, "That marvelous record is matched by the record of erecting this wonderful plant in a little over a year." He said, "I bid you God-speed" in continuing to develop "fine young men and women."

### Cass Is Heard

Rev. M. C. Patterson, president of the Greenville Christian Minister's Association, termed the erection of the plant "one of the most amazing sights I have ever seen." Mr. Patterson said the addition of "2,500 active Christians" to a community "is bound to make a difference." He added that he prays that the school may "accomplish what God wants it to."

Mayor J. Kenneth Cass said that Greenville "is justly proud" of having Bob Jones university. He expressed hope that the school would "go a long way in elevating the standards of life in our community."

Dr. Thomas Moseley, president of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y., said he thanked God "for the spirit of evangelism that reigns here."

Dr. Vance, representing the Tennessee department of education, told of knowing the school well when it was situated in that state. He praised Bob Jones for its "high scholarship, Christian training and ennobling culture. I commend this institution to you people in South Carolina."

Dr. T. I. Dowling, representing the South Carolina department of education, praised the school for its principles of Christian education and said, "It seems there is not an over-abundance of Christian education in our land."

L. P. Hollis, superintendent of Parker district schools and design-

nated as official representative of the University of South Carolina president, Norman M. Smith, said he was asked to say a word about the school. His word: "Wonderful."

Mrs. Bibb Graves, wife of a former Alabama governor who was a close friend of the elder Jones, praised what the "vision, indomitable will and consecrated spirit of a man can bring about."

Mrs. Billy Sunday, widow of a famous evangelist, spoke briefly and presented the school a Bible and some notes belonging to her late husband.

Homer Rodeheaver, who for 20 years was songleader for Billy Sunday, said the only hope for the nation is in educating youth "along the lines of this institution."

Dr. Jones, Sr., in the featured address, said that many accusations have been made against him, but that no one had ever accused him of "running from a fight" or of "lowering the gospel flag."

He read a letter from Jones' ministerial students announcing their gift of \$1,102.25 to the school. "Hurrah for the preachers!" was Dr. Jones' comment. He also announced that students underwrote \$62,000 toward the school's construction.

### Buildings a Miracle

Dr. Jones said the school maintains "high academic standards" but that "we have never strutted our academic standards."

The buildings, which were constructed in about 14 months, are a "miracle," he said.

The founder of the school said he believes in scrambling the old-time mourners' bench with business sense and "it's good when you scramble it right." He decried what he termed the old idea that an evangelist had a greasy nose, dirty fingers, baggy pants and unpolished shoes. He also deplored the "conspiracy in this nation to reflect on evangelists." He said the "greatest, noblest, cleanest, kindest and most unselfish men he ever knew" were evangelists.

Dr. Jones, Jr., presided over the ceremonies, introducing speakers and leaders of music. He also introduced a number of platform guests, who included either the president or an appointed representative of various South Carolina schools and several representatives of the state board of education, including Dr. W. F. Loggins of Greenville, a member of the state board.

Dr. Jones introduced P. D. Meadows, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and paid particular tribute to K. B. Miles, former executive vice president of that group. Dr. Jones termed Mr. Miles "the man most largely responsible for bringing us here." Several board members were recognized.

Opening the services, a 100-voice choir presented Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

### Recite Creed

Dr. Jones, Jr., led in the reciting of the university creed and Dr. R. C. McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible college, gave the invocation, giving thanks for a school dedicated to Christ.

Dr. Jones, in welcoming remarks, said, "surely the Lord hath done great things for us. To Him be all the glory and all the honor. Welcome to this institution which stands for the Word of God."

Mr. Rodeheaver and his sister sang "Jesus." Several other musical selections were also included on the program.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung as the closing hymn and Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS of Charlotte, North Carolina, published the following:

### Thousands Attend

## Bob Jones University Plant Is Dedicated

By TOM LYNCH  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

GREENVILLE, S. C.—A multi-million-dollar co-educational university—which in a scant fourteen months has miraculously mushroomed from the red clay of Greenville County—formally took its place last night among South Carolina's institutions of higher learning amidst the ovations of nearly 5,000 persons who gathered on the campus for the dedication services.

On hand to welcome the Bob Jones University into the South Carolina family of colleges and universities were Governor J. Strom Thurmond, his pretty young bride of only a few weeks, and a multitude of the state's educators and religious leaders. The new university in its entirety was solemnly dedicated by its founder, noted Evangelist Bob Jones to God and Christ. The formal dedication which took place in the University's new and modern auditorium, came as a climax to a day-long program of rejoicing over the progress of the University.

Governor Thurmond briefly welcomed the Bob Jones University to Greenville and to South Carolina. He said, "This is going to be one of the great institutions of its kind in the nation. We are proud to add this fine University to our list of outstanding educational institutions." The stern-faced South Carolina political leader produced a ripple of laughter in the audience and brought a comely blush to his young bride's face when he remarked, "Surely you don't expect a man who has been married only a few days to make an address." No one seemed to expect it.

Master of ceremonies for the dedication was suave, red-carnationed Bob Jones, Jr., son of the founder and president of the University. Dr. Jones, Jr., introduced the distinguished guests who sat several rows deep on the mammoth stage of Rodeheaver Auditorium. Present were representatives of every South Carolina college, city officials of Greenville, officers of the State Board of Education and scores of trustees and patrons of the University.

### Warm Reception

Even though numerous speakers preceded him to the rostrum, rough and tumble, down-to-earth Bob Jones Sr., was accorded the warmest reception of all. Evangelist Jones, whose speech is rich with colloquialisms and plain, earthy expressions, revealed his formula for accomplishing that which was seemingly impossible—the task of erecting a university of 25 buildings and 2,500 students in just a little more than a year's time. "We scramble together culture, old time mourners' bench religion, and business sense . . . When you scramble these right they come out good." He explained that the Bob Jones University had become a reality because the institution put Christ before everything. "The devil doesn't own anything here," Founder Jones announced. "The devil is a four-flusher . . . he doesn't own anything."

The veteran evangelist preacher enthralled his listeners with his homely informality and his frequent interjection of witticisms. He termed himself the "budget boy" of the University because he is in charge of raising and expending the funds which made the erection of the University possible. Founder Jones described briefly the principal buildings of the campus and told for whom each had been named.

One of the dormitories for women was named after the widow of well-known Evangelist, Billy Sunday. Colorful, active Neil Sunday, present for the dedication, presented the University with a Bible and several pages of sermon notes which were once used by her husband during his long career of spreading the gospel of evangelism throughout the nation.

Another dormitory was named for the late Bibb Graves, former Governor of Alabama and a zealous patron of Bob Jones College when it was located at Cleveland, Tenn. Mrs. Bibb Graves, tearful and stalwart, said that her visit to the new Bob Jones campus for the dedication had been a revelation of what the spirit of man can accomplish.

### \$600,000 Auditorium

The lavish auditorium in which Baptist church in New York and a member of the Bob Jones board, gave the benediction.

(Reprinted from the Greenville News)

nation and twenty foreign countries. The college was moved lock, stock, and barrel from its old site at Cleveland, Tenn., to its new site in rolling Piedmont South Carolina. Money for the buildings flowed in from many sources—from students, from alumni, from evangelist patrons, from friends. It came from all parts of the nation—from Michigan, from Florida, from California, from Illinois. The two Bob Joneses, after grueling months of planning and work, turned the money into the impressive institution which has now consecrated itself in the name of Christ and Christian culture. (Reprinted from The Charlotte News)



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## Men and Their Sins

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like you talk; if you have one set of moral standards for yourself and a higher one for your wife, you are a plain, crooked, insincere hypocrite. No, God intended that men should live toward God with the body as something holy. "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands."

Men, you pray, don't you? For your own hearts' sake, the next time you go alone to pray, tonight or this afternoon, will you lift up your hands and say, "O God, make them holy. My life—make it holy. My heart—make it holy?" God would hear us if we had holy hands lifted up when we pray. God particularly said to men first that He wanted them to have holy hands. Men are to have holy hands lifted up when they pray. Oh, how many of you men have clean hands, a pure heart, and a body given over to the Spirit of God? I am talking about sins of men which defile this body. When a man's brain is befogged with liquor or alcohol, when a man hurts his health by smoking and has a hacking cough and he is not doing what he ought to do for Jesus Christ—what a sin that is!

### III. Men's Sins Against the Family

Another kind of sins of men is sins against the family.

#### 1. Men Sin Who Do Not Take a Man's Responsibility Over the Home.

A woman is not to be responsible as the head of the family. If a man does not take the responsibility God gives him, then he is a slacker, a quitter. To slide out from under responsibility is a wicked thing.

Brother Glasco, no doubt sweethearts stand at this marriage altar and take the holy vow, "Til death do us part." That vow involves before God that man will love and cherish, protect and provide for his wife. Sometimes we say, "With all my earthly good I thee endow." There are certain obligations you men took at the marriage altar, and you took them before God. You not only promised the woman, the preacher and the public, but you promised God to take the place of a married man. "I am grown up and will take my responsibility. I will take my place as a man," you vowed. I wonder if you lied to God? How many of you do not even have thanks at the table? How many of you are letting your children grow up undisciplined? How many of you are letting your family go on with no leadership for God, no

teaching of the Word of God? Then you are a quitter. When you took holy vows to be responsible, you lied to God in your promise. You failed God in your responsibility. And, you are going to meet an angry God one of these days. If you do not mean to take a husband's and father's place, then don't you marry. Why should men take holy vows and not live up to them? Take your place, men. Take your responsibility. It is a sin against your family not to lead them right.

I had a letter after I left Winston-Salem this summer which read something like this: "I will never forget what happened to me. My father before me let the family go without strong, Christian leadership." And then he said, "I came along and I married. I let my wife do the praying. If she wanted to teach the children, all right. If she wanted to send them to Sunday School, all right. I was busy. I never led in family worship. I never got the children off to Sunday School. If the children were bad, I said to my wife, 'You attend to them.' I left the discipline and responsibility to her. But I took the vow of Joshua with these men the other night. Thank God, I have started to lead my family for God to see about worship, to have thanks at the table! Now I help get the children ready for church and Sunday School. Many things the wife will have to do for me, but I am taking the responsibility of being the head of the home for God. You pray for me. God help me to be faithful."

We need men such as that. The sins of men! You are a quitter and a slacker when your children depend on their father and he is not dependable. They trust you. Your wife gave her life up to your care and changed her name, and you have failed her and your children. If you have left all the responsibility on your wife's slender shoulders, you are a sissy and a quitter when you ought to be a man. God has a serious charge against a man who sins in relation to his family responsibility.

#### 2. Another Sin Against the Family is Setting a Bad Example.

It is worse for a man to sin who has a family. I remember so well when Grace, my oldest daughter, was born. I planned and prayed. Some way I never dreamed and entered into the full sense of responsibility until in the hospital a tiny little bundle of six and three-quarter pounds was laid in my arms. I was anxious that she have the proper number of arms and legs. I thought she was the prettiest baby I ever saw. As they put the baby in my arms, I thought, "Here is, not only a little mind to be trained and a body to be fed and clothed..." (I guess I would have trembled had I known how many thousands of dollars I would spend in music lessons and a college education.) But I thought, "An immortal soul for Heaven or Hell I have in my hands. O Lord, I will have to walk straight!" There has never been a second since that I haven't felt the burden of my family. You have something on your hands when you marry.

We have heard the following story in various forms. But when Dr. Jeff D. Ray was pastor at Huntsville, Texas, great B. H. Carroll came to see him and to preach. Dr. Ray went down to the train to meet Dr. Carroll. There had been snow, not usual in that territory. As he started walking through the snow to the railroad station, he heard a voice behind him. He looked back, and his little boy was walking behind him just as fast as he could. The boy would jump and stretch his legs. He said, "I am coming right after you, and Daddy, I'm a might' near stepping in your tracks!" Dr. Ray grabbed his boy up in his arms and ran back to the house. When he got inside the door, his wife looked at him and said, "Jeff, your face is as white as a sheet!" He said, "Josephine, do you know what my boy said? He said, 'Daddy I'm coming right after you and I'm a might' near stepping in your tracks!'" He prayed: "O God,

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## Hankins' Revival, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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pastors and churches to consider union, city-wide efforts. Dr. Hankins and a number of other evangelists recommended by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, have the experience, doctrinal soundness, Spirit-filled preaching power and confidence of Christian leaders enough to fit them for such great campaigns. There ought to be many, many more such campaigns. Third, individual Christians ought to be encouraged to put soul-winning first, and we believe that is one happy result of reading about such great revivals.

### Dr. Hankins' Report to THE SWORD OF THE LORD

I called Dr. Hankins when I knew of the blessed results then taking place in the Fort Wayne revival and asked him to report to THE SWORD OF THE LORD the final results. Here is part of Dr. Hankins' good letter:

"The meeting at Fort Wayne was just another demonstration of the power of the old-time gospel to attract and to save. It was held in a downtown auditorium that seats 2,500. Time after time it was filled to capacity, and during the closing services a nearby church auditorium that seats one thousand was filled with the overflow. It was a most convincing demonstration that the day of mass evangelism is not over, and that people are hungry for the truth. As usual, I made no effort at sensationalism, but simply 'went down the line' on the great fundamentals of the gospel message, calling people to repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and God blessed with the salvation of between 600 and 700 souls, and the revival and strengthening of the saved."

### A Letter From the Chairman

Mr. Homer R. Gettle, General Chairman, Methodist laymen, and editor of the National Christian newspaper, *The Protestant Voice*, writes:

"Fort Wayne, Indiana, has just experienced the greatest city-wide, interdenominational, mass evangelism crusade in thirty-three years."

"My own soul was thrilled and blessed in every service as I listened to the heart-searching messages of Dr. Hankins and witnessed the convincing power of the Holy Spirit as he brought more than six hundred seekers to our Lord and Saviour."

"Many of us would like another such meeting in June or July, to be held in a large tent, with a seating capacity of about five thousand, and then again in the large, fine auditorium. More than six hundred decision cards are now being distributed to all the churches, according to the choice of each convert, and hundreds who seldom, if ever, attended any church are now inspired by their new Christian experience to willingly join the church of their choice."

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are overflowing with gratitude, thanksgiving and rejoicing in the very presence of Christ our Lord and Saviour. He is worthy of honor, wisdom, power, glory, adoration, majesty and blessing, for His name is over and above every name. And yet He said, 'I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

"May He continue to prosper you in His service."

Christ for Fort Wayne,  
Homer R. Gettle,  
General Chairman.

### Rev. George A. E. Salstrand, Vice Chairman, Gives Testimony

"The Christ for Greater Fort Wayne Union Evangelistic Campaign conducted during the past three weeks (Nov. 2-23) in the Quimby Auditorium of our city, seating 2,400, proved the falsity of the assumption that the days of mass evangelism are over."

"The evangelist for this great campaign was Dr. Joe Henry Hankins of Little Rock, Arkansas, who was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clark, otherwise known

as the Happy Clarks, who had charge of the music and children's work."

"Some thirty churches and several organizations joined in this great campaign, making it the most representative and largest series of religious services held in Fort Wayne for many a year."

"Night after night the great auditorium was packed, and on some occasions only standing room was available. At every service sinners found Christ as Saviour and Christians dedicated their lives."

"The entire committee, sponsoring the campaign, has been happy about the choice of Dr. Hankins as the evangelist."

"Dr. Hankins is not sensational. His preaching wears well, and having been a pastor for many years he understands the problems of pastors and strengthens them in their work. He emphasizes the great fundamentals of the faith, but rides no hobbies. Being tactful, he is able to work with all who love souls."

"His ability to quote Scripture to support his statements is amazing. He reads his texts from memory. In some messages he quotes as many as twenty-five to forty passages of Scripture, thus giving his messages unusual Scriptural authority."

"His messages are logical and show a great deal of thought content. Most of his illustrations are from his own remarkable life experiences, making them more effective. His warm heart, often evidenced by tears in his eyes, gives tremendous heart appeal to his messages."

"Dr. Hankins, under the blessing of God, did a great work in Fort Wayne. He enjoys the highest esteem of all who worked with him, since his methods were above reproach."

"We cannot too highly commend Dr. Hankins and his associates, the Happy Clarks, to other cities desiring similar meetings."

George A. E. Salstrand,  
Vice-Chairman, Christ for  
Fort Wayne Committee;  
Pastor Immanuel Baptist  
Church.

### Rev. S. A. Witmer, President Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Says Dr. Hankins' "Spirit of Humility and Christ-Likeness Inspired Cooperation Among All Groups"

Rev. S. A. Witmer, widely known Bible teacher of Fort Wayne Bible Institute, graciously wrote:

"The conditions were right for a real revival. A sense of God's leading, a burden of prayer, a beautiful spirit of unity among evangelical pastors and laymen, a willingness to subordinate local and sectarian interests for the salvation of souls in one united effort. Then came God's man—Dr. Joe Hankins and his associates, the Happy Clarks. The Word of God was presented clearly and courageously, in the power of the Spirit. As a result, a positive testimony to the gospel was given to the city by the evangelical forces—the first in thirty-three years. Hundreds were saved, and the impact made upon Christians and upon the public will bear fruit in the days to come. All praise to God from whom all blessings flow!"

"Fort Wayne witnessed a gracious revival through the ministry of Dr. Joe Hankins. His preaching will long be remembered by the evangelical forces of the city and by the hundreds who were saved. He rode no hobbies and spent no time in trivialities. He simply preached the Word 'with all boldness' and in the power of the Spirit. No one could have preached with more earnestness and conviction, and no one could have been more conscientious in dealing with seekers. He put himself wholly into the campaign, and by his spirit of humility and

Christ-likeness, inspired cooperation among all groups."

S. A. Witmer

### First Baptist Pastor, Rev. L. E. Olson, Writes:

"It was my privilege to have been associated with the Christ for Fort Wayne Committee during its formative meetings. We prayed earnestly and prepared well for the evangelistic services scheduled for November 2-23. Dr. Joe Henry Hankins was the evangelist and the Happy Clarks were the ministers of music. They made a great party, with the keenest cooperation and team work between them."

"The services exceeded my expectations in every way. From the hour of the opening service to the final service three weeks later, there was the most intent spirit. Dr. Hankins' sermons were Biblical, sound in the faith, deep in their intellectual content, warm in spirit, emotional in appeal and convincing in their application. I have never known a more earnest preacher of the Word and one who could bring his message to the hearts of the most commonplace and at the same time hold the interest of the most intellectual. He resorted to no fanfare or spectacular antics so often used to attract people and hold their interest. He has a keen sense of humor, along with his great passion for souls. He was able to hold the crowd through an hour of preaching and also to continue to hold their attention prayerfully during the invitation period. Thousands heard him and hundreds were won to Christ."

"The Happy Clarks contributed much to the meetings. Mr. Clark is an able songleader and made the people thoroughly enjoy his work. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Clark at the piano and also in duets. The title given, them has been most appropriate. Truly it was a great soul-stirring experience to see a thousand or more people turned away to find a secondary place in another church where, through a public address system, the message was preached to an overflow audience. God moved in a wonderful and blessed way. Thousands in Fort Wayne join in a concert to thank God for the meetings."

L. E. Olson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Fort Wayne, 2, Indiana

### First Missionary Church Pastor Praises Work of Evangelistic Party

Rev. Clayton D. Steiner, pastor of the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, wrote November 23:

"The Christ for Fort Wayne Crusade, the first united evangelistic campaign in this city in thirty-three years, comes to a close today. From the very first meeting there was a feeling that the entire program was in full accord with the will of God and this feeling was confirmed more and more each night when we saw the manner in which God was working in our midst. Dr. Hankins and the Happy Clarks were God-sends and ministered so acceptably and we are sure they were the right part for these meetings. The church of which I am pastor, First Missionary, pledged its whole-hearted support months before the meetings began. As pastor, I can say that we have not been disappointed in the least. Our church has been helped in a marvelous manner. Some of our young people definitely accepted Christ as their Saviour, and I believe many more have pledged themselves that they will live primarily to do the will of God. Had there been no decisions for Christ, the meetings would still have been worth the effort because of the privilege of fellowship with the pastors and members of other churches. The spirit of unity and fellowship was such that all were amazed. It is true that we become united when we work together for the salvation of souls. It is our sincere desire that we may have meet-

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## Many Saved At Lewistown Union Revival

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others stood throughout the long service.

Rev. Herbert Glassco, pastor of the First Methodist Church, has promised to send a report on the meeting, so we will not give the full details here.

We had wonderfully sweet fellowship with the cooperating pastors. The following were all active: Rev. Herbert Glassco, pastor, First Methodist Church; Rev. Joseph MacMullen, pastor First Baptist Church; Rev. Harold Snider, pastor Brethren Church; Rev. John W. Marvin, pastor Presbyterian Church; Rev. Clair Kriedler, pastor Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church; Rev. E. H. Kessler, pastor Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church; Rev. Grover B. Nance, pastor Lockport Baptist Church; and Rev. Mr. Baer, Grove Methodist Church.

### Twelve Saved in One Family

On the front page are pictured nine of the converts from one family. The picture was taken too soon—three more of the close relatives were saved before the campaign closed!

It all started for this family on Thanksgiving night, when I preached on "Father, Mother, Home and Heaven," and very

strongly outlined the responsibility of the husband and father to lead his home for God, to set the example of Christian living, to be accountable for the family altar, Christian discipline and teaching. Then I asked all the men who would join me in taking Joshua's vow: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," to stand. Most of the men in the house stood in a deep and impressive silence. Emotion and strong resolve were pictured on many faces. I felt impressed to point to Mr. H. E. Smith, whom I did not know, who sat before me and did not rise with the others. To him I said, "Am I wrong in this, or are you?" He pointed to himself and said, "I am wrong." "Then don't you think it is time for you to get right about it?" I asked. He struggled, then rose to his feet to take the solemn vow with us. At the invitation he came forward to publicly claim Christ as his Saviour, and soon his wife came, too. In later services their son was saved, her brothers and their wives, her uncle, etc. Because there were so many of the family saved I made an exception to my usual rule and accepted an invitation to dinner with them. Then one of the men

got a photographer to take the flash picture of those who were saved in the meetings up to that time.

L. R. Smith said to me that night, "You got me just in time!" Then he explained that he and his wife had been on the point of separation and divorce. Their boy, a lovely Christian, had died in the Navy. Both were miserable and unhappy, began to quarrel with each other and were on the point of breaking up their marriage when both found Christ. Now they are happy, not only with the Lord but with each other. What a blessed happy spirit was in the home when we were there!

### Some Happy Incidents and Conversations

The first Sunday night of the campaign several were saved when I preached on Hell. After the benediction someone brought a beautiful young lady to the platform to see me. She wanted to be saved. We took plenty of time showing her the promises of God from John 1:12, John 3:16, John 3:36, and John 6:37, and she very happily accepted Christ. The next day I discovered she was a waitress in the Coffee Shop of the hotel where we stayed, and found that she was very happy in the Lord. She came regularly to the services. She told us of her boy friend, who was unsaved. He was in the Army, but came to see her the last two days of the meeting. She told him how she had found the Lord and wanted him to be saved. And the closing service of the campaign he came to Christ, happily saved.

The closing Sunday afternoon we had a special section of the church reserved for new converts. They met me fifteen minutes early in the young people's assembly room of the church, and I talked to them about their new life. Then they were seated in a body, filling a large section. Most of them were adults and they were certainly a happy sight. Dr. Clarke called for testimonies and a number of the new converts rose to tell how happy they were in the Saviour. The preceding evening an old man came to the Lord, a gray-haired man whose age was apparent. But when he stood in this testimony meeting his testimony was about as follows: "I am sure glad I let Jesus come into my heart. I was just an old sneak. Many a time I would go behind the garage and smoke and my wife would ask me, 'Have you been smoking?' and I would say, 'No,' but I was just lying. And now I have let Jesus come into my heart." Evidently his deceit on this matter weighed heavily on his conscience while others were repenting of their drunkenness and worse.

I regularly use an inquiry room in my revival campaigns and insist that each one who comes forward to claim the Saviour be dealt with very, very carefully, and that the workers use many, many Scriptures so that every convert will have full assurance of salvation. However, I really try to make the preaching so plain and the invitation so definite and clear that the decision will be fully made and the assurance of salvation received when repenting sinners come to take my hand. Rarely is there any doubt to be removed. For example, Saturday night among a number of men who came to take Christ as Saviour was one to whom I said, "Do you realize that you are a sinner? And you believe that Christ died for sinners, don't you? Then are you willing here and now to trust Jesus, to risk Him to save you?" To my astonishment, he answered, "Yes, but there isn't any risk to it!" And he was right. I was simply using the word risk in a colloquial sense which means depend upon. One really runs no risk in trusting Jesus.

One of the most refreshing things about the campaign was that many, many church members who had never been saved but had been in the church since infancy found the Lord. And many others who had no assurance of salvation came out clearly into a triumphant faith in the blood of Christ and assurance of forgiveness of sin. Praise God for a gracious revival!

### One Saved, Brought Another

One of the clear evidences that this was a wide-spread revival

wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit is that many who came to Christ then immediately began to work for the conversion of their loved ones.

Sunday afternoon, December 7, I preached to men and boys only the sermon, "Men and Their Sins," published in this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Among those saved that Sunday afternoon was a man who, after the service was over and he was assured of his salvation, came to me and said, "And I thought I was so good! I don't know what a dirty dog I was! And me with three precious children for which I am responsible to God." He shook his head, seemingly overcome at the new sense of responsibility he had for his family, to lead them to Christ. Then looking up with tears in his eyes, he said, "I'm going home to them right now!" Abruptly he left and a night or two later he brought his wife to sit directly in front of me and then at the invitation led her to take my hand, claiming Christ as her Saviour. In a later service he brought his oldest child.

Many times we saw that God-given impulse to go get the rest of the family saved, as soon as one found Christ.

A woman sat and wept during the service on the third Sunday night of the campaign. At the invitation I was watching her, because she had held her hand for prayer. She whispered a few words in the ear of her son, then put her hand on his shoulder, gave him a push and followed him to the front to take my hand, both of them claiming Christ as Saviour. They went to the inquiry room for further careful dealing that they might be fully assured of salvation, then she came back into the auditorium, went to a daughter and brought her directly to me to accept Christ.

An old woman came one night to confess herself a backslider. After her troubles had all been cleared up and she was happy she went at once to her husband, a gray-haired man, and brought him to accept and claim Christ, as His Saviour.

The soul-winning concern of young people for their friends was very great. The revival became a matter of daily conversation among students at the high school, and they influenced their friends to accept Christ.

### Fifty-Six Public Professions in the Closing Service

I do not have at hand the record of the converts. That will be given, I trust, by Brother Glassco in the official report in a later issue. But he showed me the cards recording those who came to claim Christ as Saviour or who returned as backslider in the closing service on December 14. As I sat on the platform and saw that great crowd, before the sermon Sunday night, I earnestly pleaded with the Lord for fifty souls. After the service was over Brother Glassco indicated that there were fifty-six who had come forward and been dealt with per-

sonally in the inquiry room. A few of these were backsliders who had formerly made profession of faith, but most were coming to their first confession of sin and acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

On that closing Sunday night a large troop of Boy Scouts, possibly forty boys, attended in a body and sat in a reserved section. They stood as a body under the direction of their Scoutmaster and gave the scout oath. Practically all were in uniform. They were deeply moved during the service and ten or more held their hands for prayer. At the invitation a beautiful thing happened. After one or two of the Boy Scouts came to take Christ, the Scoutmaster came and stood just in front of the platform and as each scout would come to take my hand the Scoutmaster would hold his arm or put his arm around his shoulder and pat him on the back while the boy solemnly told me his decision to trust Christ. Then when most of the scouts had come, the Scoutmaster went into the inquiry room. Some of these Boy Scouts who had claimed Christ and had been carefully instructed by the pastors and others began to come back to their reserved section and encourage other members of the scout troop to come to Christ. Only a few of these boys had ever made a profession. Before the meeting closed all but one, I think, had come to Christ.

I believe that everywhere possible efforts should be made to get large groups into the meetings. We are glad to welcome men's Bible classes, Boy Scout troops, the city firemen, World War veterans, blue star and gold star mothers, the W. C. T. U., and any other groups that can be gotten to come in a body who will bring along some who otherwise would not attend. Of course we never compromise a principle. The preaching is always the same Bible preaching. But we try to be all things to all men that we might by all means win some. This was Paul's principle, too (I Cor. 9:22).

Dr. Harry Clarke had led singing in revival services in this same Methodist church thirty years ago. It was a very great joy to have him with me here. He always makes a great contribution to the spiritual power and success of a revival campaign with his tremendous congregational singing, fine choir work and his heart-warming solos. I agree with the Evangelist Billy Sunday, with whom Dr. Clarke labored eight years, that there is no one his equal as a Spirit-filled song leader.

I plan to be home for a few days, speak at St. Louis Youth for Christ Saturday, December 20, then go to Evansville Rescue Mission for eight days beginning Sunday, December 28.

Let me take this occasion to thank hundreds of friends and loved ones for Christmas greetings, in case any should remain unanswered. God bless you and a Happy New Year to every reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

## Hankins' Revival, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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ings like this once each year and that the city of Fort Wayne may have a strong, evangelistic, soul-saving program from year to year. We all hope and pray that the Hankins-Clark party may be back for a second campaign in the not too distant future."

Clayton D. Steiner, Pastor First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### Rev. H. A. Davis, Cooperating Pastor, Writes of Campaign

"November 23, 1947

"The Fort Wayne revival draws to a close. It has been a great campaign. It has been a genuine demonstration that the day of mass evangelism is not past. Crowds have exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic, and there have been conversions at every service. The secret of it is found in the statement of Jesus when He said: 'And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.' The Happy Clarks and Dr. J. H. Hankins have done a wonderful job in holding Him up as the only Saviour.

"May the Spirit of the Lord lead us to a great Pentecost for America and the world."

Rev. H. A. Davis,  
Executive Director  
Goodwill Industries of  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

### Rev. Harold E. Priddy, Pastor Nelson Street Church of the Nazarene

"Eternity alone will reveal the full extent of the wonderful results of the Christ for Fort Wayne campaign. It was a thrill beyond description to see the great throngs of people that came out night after night to hear the Word of God preached as only Dr. Joe Henry Hankins can preach it. And, what was even more blessed, to see the scores of people come down the aisles to the prayer room where they found the peace their souls longed for. It was the greatest, most widespread revival we have ever been privileged to have part in. The God of revivals still lives!"

Harold E. Priddy, Pastor  
Nelson Street Church  
of the Nazarene

### The Days of Mass Evangelism Are Not Over, Says Pastor of First Brethren Church

We are grateful for the following very kindly words from Rev. John W. Aeby, First Brethren Church Pastor.

"Don't you know that the days of mass evangelism are over? Thus asked Dr. Hankins of me as we sat together on the platform of the crowded Quimby

Auditorium less than twelve hours ago as the closing service of the Christ for Greater Fort Wayne three weeks' campaign got under way. The crowd waiting at the doors forty minutes before service time nearly filled the 2,500 seats in the auditorium and on the platform. Word has just come that a neighboring church, wired for overflow, was filled rapidly. 'Yes,' I replied, 'I've known for years that the days of mass evangelism were over! I've even known the reasons why we couldn't expect such a movement.'

"Don't misunderstand me. I have been brought up and trained in the most fundamental of churches. But from the beginning I have heard reasons which I accepted as authority that the day of great revivals was over. Everything from the apostasy to the nearness of Christ's return has been advanced as the reason. But God still honors His Word and those who step out in faith upon it. Here in Fort Wayne, He laid the burden on the hearts of a group of Christian business and professional men first of all. A few of us ministers had prayed for such an awakening. In less than six months of actual planning, the first union campaign in more than thirty-three years in history, with more than six hundred definite decisions for Christ, with the finest spirit of fellowship known among believers of the city who have participated, and with a unanimous enthusiasm among us for more and greater campaigns for Christ as the result.

"I personally want to praise God in print for my first privilege of experiencing such a campaign for souls in my thirty-one years. I thank Him for the Spirit-filled ministry of the Happy Clarks in their ministry of music and their work among the children. As for Dr. Hankins' preaching, I have lived at Winona Lake for nearly three years and listened to preaching of the finest men around the world. I have been used to the best in our own fellowship. But I have never heard more sound, solid, Bible-preaching and that with a real heart passion, than it has been my joy to hear during the past three weeks.

"God has unmistakably proved that II Chronicles 7:14 has a vital application to the very day in which we live."

John M. Abey,

Secretary of Steering  
Committee of Christ for  
Greater Fort Wayne;  
Pastor First Brethren  
Church.

## Lights Over Europe Burn But Dimly

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## Evangelize Until

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you. There has always been the same distance between Hell and Heaven. It has always been that a man had to repent of all of his sins and put his faith in Jesus. The plan of salvation has never changed. The need of the human heart has never changed. We are to evangelize until Jesus comes.

The Lord gave us these marching orders and they are to last until the end of the age. We will not get any more marching orders. Somebody is always wanting to know what the will of God is for his life. I found a long time ago that God usually reveals His will to people while they are walking, while they are going somewhere. There is one thing I know God wants every child of His now listening to my voice to do: He wants him to do his part in evangelizing a lost world, until He comes. Some pastors were told that they were not supposed to win anybody to Jesus, but that is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. Paul told Timothy, a pastor, "Do the work of an evangelist."

There is a passage of Scripture which I take with me. Every time I hold a revival meeting I read it upside down, inside out, memorize it, and let it breathe upon me. It is in the tenth chapter of Luke, the sixteenth verse. It encourages me. It challenges me. It humbles me. It makes me serious. Here is what Jesus said, "He that heareth you heareth me," He sent out His disciples two by two to evangelize, and He gave them this comfort, gave them this encouragement. That is O.K., isn't it? Isn't it wonderful? "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me." The next time I walk up to somebody and ask him about his soul and press the claims of Christ on him, I will have royal company, brother. I will not be by myself. Go over to Cairo, Egypt and you do not go by yourself. Christ will go to Cairo, Egypt, with you. He will be over there all the time to help you evangelize. He said, "I will go with you." How long? Until it gets hard sledding? No! How long? Until the churches are dried up? No! How long? Until the evangelist is the mat that the people are going to scrape their feet on! How long? How long? Until the end of the age!

Let it get in your blood. We have been making alibis long enough. I say to you, under God, if you can get lost people under the sound of the Word, you will find that they will be saved in as great numbers proportionately as they ever were. We are to evangelize until!

### II. How to Go About Evangelizing

What is this business of evangelizing? This is not going to be new. I am not purposely going to offend anybody, but I am young enough to have some convictions. All the sap isn't knocked out of me yet. And I want to talk plainly about this business of what we are to do. We are to evangelize. We are evangelists. We have a message to some people, and everything must dove-tail; every effort of everybody who is a child of God must be captured, captivated, seized and brought to bear on this great business of getting the news out to lost people. We are to evangelize.

#### 1. Pray For God's Power.

How would you know how to go about evangelizing? Well, we would go back to the day of Pentecost; and we would have the same crowd of people present as they had on the day of Pentecost. That is when they started out to evangelize in a big way.

The first thing on the program would be that we would have the prayers there, wouldn't we? Who is to do the evangelizing? First, praying people. The praying lasted ten days there, lasted until the power came. Now get it straight. The day of Pentecost would have come whether they prayed or not, but the power of God would not have come if they

had not prayed. So they had some pray-ers there.

#### 2. Get Sinners to Hear the Preaching of the Word.

Then they had some preachers there. The preachers and the rest of the people, 120 we suppose, all prayed; but they did not all preach. On the day of Pentecost the preachers came from their knees and from the filling of the Spirit of God to preach, to start doing what Jesus said for them to do — preach, win souls, baptize and teach people. I humbly suggest that there is no substitute for the preaching of the Word of God, and I earnestly ask you to consider this: the best piece of personal work the churches of Christ can do, and the members of those churches can do, oftentimes, is to get unsaved people under the sound of a preacher who preaches the Word of God. There is no substitute for preaching.

Who said so? God said so. First Corinthians 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We give the wrong impression. I talk about winning somebody to Jesus, but I did not do it. Brother John talks about winning somebody to Jesus, but he did not do it. We have to work together to win one soul to Jesus. We cooperate. Somebody plants. Somebody else waters, and God give the increase. Maybe I have the joy sometimes of leading a soul to a decision, but perhaps somebody else preached to that person. Perhaps somebody else sang the gospel to him. Somebody prayed for him, perhaps, or somebody put a hand on his shoulder. Somebody else had a part in it, too. The wife who brings her husband to the house of God and under the influence of the gospel has as much a part in his salvation as the preacher, if he is saved.

When the people started out on the day of Pentecost, they received power first; then they did some preaching to the people. There is no substitute for preaching. Somewhere down the line the Word of God must be preached. There is no substitute in the plan of evangelization for preaching.

#### 3. Depend Upon the Holy Spirit to Convict.

I suppose the rest of that crowd did personal work, for we are told what happened after Peter had preached that sermon and you are familiar with it. My time is limited; I am not going to go over the sermon. You know about it. You know its message. You know its context. You know its passion. You know its purpose. You know to whom it was directed. The thing happened that ought to happen when we preach, or when we teach a Sunday school class. When the congregation heard it they were pricked in their hearts. The Holy Spirit did that. Don't you think so? The Holy Spirit pricked them in their hearts, and the Scripture says, "And they said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" They did not say, "What must we do to be saved," but brother, they knew it was their move. They had had the Apostle Peter point at them with the Word of God and say, "You killed the Son of God. Yes sir, you did! You killed the Son of God." And those fellows, when their hearts were pricked, said, "It's our move now!"

### III. What We Should Get Sinners to Do

May I suggest that right here is where we need to know the Word. What in the world are we going to tell people who know it is their move? In our preaching, in our personal work, and in all of our efforts of evangelizing, what are we going to tell them? You heard Brother Appelman as he pressed for earnestness in persuading? But what are we going to persuade them to do? What are we going to plead with them to do? The Devil will not mind much if you are earnest in pressing a decision, unless in the preaching and in the pressing you hew straight to the line as to what those people are to do. All our

preaching, all our personal work, all our work of evangelizing is to produce two things — not two sides of one thing, but two things. First, repentance; and second, faith.

#### 1. We Are to Get Men to Repent.

That is how the folks on the day of Pentecost went about doing business; that is how they went about doing what Jesus told them to do until He came; that is how the prayer-empowered church on the day of Pentecost went about it, preaching the gospel. And then when men saw that it was their move, Peter, in verse 38, told them what to do about the business of salvation. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

We preachers, Sunday school workers and deacons do not want to take the mechanics into the pulpit or the Sunday school class; but under God, we ought to find out after a while what repentance is. We ought to know what the Bible says repentance is. How on earth are we going to preach and persuade and beg people to repent when we do not know what it is ourselves, or what we want those folks to do? They want to do something, usually. Down South we say that all of the colored people are Baptists unless they have been tampered with. The biggest problem we have in these United States is lost people who have been tampered with by some religious expert, or something. They have their own ideas. Oh, how we need to be crystal clear in doing personal work, in preaching in persuading, in pressing for decision, that we press them, and preach to them, and persuade them to do the first thing, the necessary thing. No man on earth will believe in Jesus until after he has repented. I will prove it to you. In Matthew 21:32, Jesus said, "... and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." Let us quit arguing about repentance not being for people in these days. It is! Let's press for repentance.

Now what is it? Perhaps we are not going to tell them what it is, but we certainly want to preach and persuade and teach the Scripture so they will do it. In the book of John, the word "repent" does not appear, but the thing "repent" does appear a lot of times. Do you get it? The word "repent" is not in the book of John, but the thing, "repent," is there a lot of times. You may not want to get up and give people a definition of repentance. You know what it is. You know what has to happen to the sinner. You already know what he will have going on in his soul if he repents. Our business is to press to get people to repent. Repentance looks three ways in the Bible. We are to preach, we are to speak, we are to plead, we are to pray that lost people will come to change their minds, their attitude, and then their conduct with reference to their sins. Jesus said, "Except ye repent [and there He was speaking with reference to their sins], ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). What are we going to do? Just tell a fellow he has to repent of sins? No! More than that! Preach about his sins! Talk about them! Preach the first chapter of Isaiah. Preach from the thirty-fifth chapter of Psalms. It would scare a sinner to read that Psalm on what sin will do for him. Turn to the first chapter of Romans, and preach about what sin does to people. Go yonder to Calvary and see what God does to His Son when His Son has been made sin; see how God turns His back upon Him and leaves Him despised and rejected. If people hear you tell what sin will do to them, hear you tell about the effects of sin, hear you tell about the penalty of sin, hear you tell about the end of sin, and then still want to hold on to their sin, they have not repented.

But if somebody says, "Oh, my sin! I would to God I could get rid of it; I would to God I would not have to pay the penalty of it; I would to God I would not have to suffer the consequences of it," that person has already changed his mind about sin, brother, and he is ready to change his conduct. You have him going now, brother;

if you land him, you will keep him out of Hell.

The Bible in Acts 20 talks about repentance toward God. Are you going to get up and tell a sinner to repent toward God? Yes, but he doesn't know what it means. What are you going to tell him? Tell him this: God has eyes so pure that He cannot even look on sin or behold iniquity.

Preach on the sixth chapter of Isaiah and show people how, when Isaiah saw God in all His holiness, he said: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Preach on the divine, holy character of God.

There surely is a lot of Roman Catholicism among us Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and so on. We rather think that the Virgin Mary is not the only one who can get Jesus to do things better than somebody else. And it would surprise you how much praying is going on during the invitation when people are coming, when they know that they ought to go urge sinners to repent. It would surprise you how many people are trying to get God to excuse sin, how many people are trying to get God to overlook sin, how many people are trying to get God to forgive the sin of unrepenting hearts. But there is just one basis on which God Almighty will forgive sin, and that is the basis of the shed blood of Jesus. Judgment must come. The character of God demands that the soul that sinneth, it shall die. God's law, immutable, is never changed. Somebody must die for sin. Somebody must pay for sin. Jesus has paid for it. Redemption is through Him. Forgiveness is through His blood. Oh, preach and persuade and plead with people about the justice and the holy character of God until they will see that He will send them to a just Hell unless they get somebody to pay for their sins! Sinners must repent toward God.

Then the Bible talks about repentance from dead works. Some people say that a lot of folks unconsciously trust Jesus. No, they don't! You cannot unconsciously trust Jesus. Salvation is an experience. It is an experience that God works in the heart of a person who is not asleep or unconscious. And let me say it to you now; I would not offend you, but I do not want anybody to go to Hell because I did not want to offend him. I am telling you now, that as long as somebody is trusting in anything he has ever done, or anything he is doing, or anything he will do, he has not trusted Jesus Christ's dying to pay for his sins. There is nothing under God's Heaven but Christ's dying on the cross that will pay for your sins. We must get folks to repent of their dead works.

There was a boy who came to me in an altar service. I said, "Are you a sinner?"

He said, "O preacher, I'm the worst sinner out of Hell!"

I said, "Do you reckon that God is going to send you to Hell?"

He said, "I know, He is."

I said, "Well, haven't you some good things you think would get God in good humor?"

He said, "Not me, preacher; I haven't a chance!" Brother, he was ready! He was ready! Ready for what? Ready for somebody to tell him about the finished work of Jesus Christ.

We are to evangelize until Jesus comes. What is evangelizing? Getting lost people to repent of their sins, repent toward God, repent of their good works.

#### 2. We Are to Point Repentant Sinners to Christ

Then we are to tell people what Peter told them. He pointed them to Jesus. We are to get men to put their faith in Jesus.

It is true that a person who does not believe anything never has any doubts, but here are three or four Scriptures that I wish to read to you quickly, regarding assurance. Jesus said to the woman at the well, "If you drink of this water out of Jacob's well, you will keep on being thirsty; but if you drink of the water I am talking about, you never will thirst again."

I turn to Isaiah, chapter 32, verse 17. There God says, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of right-

eousness quietness and assurance for ever."

I turn to the third chapter of I Corinthians and read, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. There is just one foundation that will stand, the foundation Jesus laid—His own precious blood."

I read in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." In Thee! In Thee! I do not care whether you have people kneel at an altar or not. I do not care how you conduct your service. But I beg of you, whatever you do, do not let folks get away from there until you have done your dead-level best to get them to put their trust and faith absolutely and completely in Jesus Christ's dying on the cross to pay for their sin. That is the only thing on earth that will do it. Faith without the blood will not keep them out of Hell. Repentance without the blood will not keep them out of Hell. Healing will not keep them out of Hell. The blood of Jesus is the only thing that will pay the price! It is the blood of Jesus that washes whiter than snow. It is the blood of Jesus! [That is the only thing that God has ever done to pay for man's sins. He never will do anything else.]

Abraham was saved by trusting in the blood of Jesus. That is what Paul is talking about in the third chapter of Romans when he talks about our past sins—not the sins you committed yesterday, but the sins of Abraham, the sins of Noah, and the sins of Adam. All of those people who were saved before Calvary, were saved on credit, looking toward the cross. There is not anybody in Heaven now who got there any way except through the shed blood of Jesus, the way you get saved now. You look back to the Son of God, hanging on a tree, pouring out His precious blood. That is God's way. That is God's way! If Jesus did not mean that we were saved by putting our faith in the death of Christ, what did He mean when He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15). Jesus dying on the cross, lifted up on the cross, paying the price of sin—bless God. If that is not talking about His death what is it talking about?

I do not want to give the wrong orders to people. I don't want somebody to point their finger at me at the judgment bar of God. There are going to be some people up there to whom I preached. I shall have to witness at the judgment and I do not want people to point to me and say, "You preached pretty good. I went down to the front under your ministry, but you did not tell me the truth about in whom to put my faith. I wanted to be saved. I knew my sins were about to send me to Hell. I knew God was just. I did not doubt it. I wanted you to tell me the truth, but you did not tell me. I went away from there thinking I was saved. I had some kind of a feeling, but I did not put my case in the hands of the living Lord who paid for my sins on Calvary."

Some years ago in Pennsylvania I went with the pastor of a church out into the country to try to win a man to Jesus. I could not do it. But, bless God, while we were there, we won his thirteen-year-old boy to Jesus. Not long ago a boy over in Guadalcanal was shot on the battlefield. When the stretcher bearers came to him, he was dead. In his left hand was a yellow piece of paper. The yellow piece of paper was a circular announcing our meeting in Pennsylvania years ago. It had my picture on it, and my name. In his right hand was a pencil. He had scribbled a message under my picture and under my name. He said, "Dear Mom: I am dying; but Mother, I want you to know that in a revival meeting which Brother Rolfe Barnard conducted in our town, I trusted Jesus. Brother Barnard came out to see Dad, but did not win him. But he won me. He got me to trust Jesus."

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with me now."

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If I do not have anything else by the time I die, or by the time Jesus comes, there is one boy I won when I had a chance. I told him the truth, and some way or another, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, that thirteen-year-old boy rested his case in the mighty, nail-pierced hands of the Son of God who died to pay for sin. The same Jesus who died to pay for your sin will be with you over yonder on a battlefield. He was with that boy. I will meet him in Heaven.

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Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

### Dr. Hyman Appelmann Concludes Great Revival in Lynchburg, Virginia

The Spirit of God fell in mighty power upon the nineteen days' revival in Lynchburg, Virginia, sponsored by more than forty of the outstanding churches of that city and all of the Christian lay organizations. The meetings were held nightly in the Armory and at noon each day in the First Methodist Church. The average attendance was beyond two thousand. The spirit was very high. The meeting was signalized by harmony, by unity, by splendid co-operation. Fourteen hundred and five people responded to the gospel invitation and were dealt with individually in the inquiry room. By far the great majority of these made a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour during the nineteen days. The meeting shook the city. All were unanimous in their contention that this was the greatest visitation of God's grace since the days of Billy Sunday, almost a generation ago.

Evangelist Hyman Appelmann did the preaching, and gospel singer Homer Britton led the singing. J. B. Mason of the College Park Baptist Church and Dr.

Graham Gilmer of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church were the co-chairmen. The committees were chairmen and staffed by preachers and layfolk from all of the churches. Both Mr. Appelmann and Mr. Britton have been urgently invited to come back to Lynchburg for another such campaign soon.

### Evangelist F. A. Wirth in Troy, West Virginia, and Knoxville, Iowa

We were glad to receive a report of a recent revival conducted by Evangelist F. A. Wirth, and also a word about his present meeting, which probably will be reported in full at the end of the campaign. Brother Wirth writes:

"I am in a meeting in the Baptist church at Troy, West Virginia, with Brother Wiseman as pastor. You had him call me when we were at Winona Lake this summer. God is giving us large crowds to preach to and a real revival spirit prevails. Last night three young people came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. Pray for a real community-sweeping revival.

We had a spiritual rain from Heaven in the Berean Baptist Church at Knoxville, Iowa, with Rev. Von Elbert as pastor. The meeting was held the last two weeks in November. There were thirty-three who came to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. One woman of Jewish ancestors and faith accepted Christ in her home. Her husband also bowed and asked the Lord to save him. Scores of people came to reconsecrate their lives and start out anew for the Saviour. The last Sunday afternoon the pastor baptized fifteen of the converts. Several came into the church by letter and others are waiting to be baptized. The spiritual life of the people was awakened and they are really on fire for souls. Praise God for the great and blessed power of His Spirit! I got six new members for the Sword and gave out twenty-five sample copies of the paper. They are planning on building a new church in the near future. Pray for them."

### God Greatly Blessing Ministry of Young Jimmie Threlfall

Rev. Jimmie Threlfall, Box 263, Amory, Mississippi, a promising young evangelist, is having some very fine one-church meetings. We are happy to have the following word from him regarding his last meeting:

"The Lord certainly did bless in a wonderful way. The meeting was planned for only two weeks, but the Lord led for us to go through the third week. There were about twenty definite decisions for salvation in the meeting. Most of them were adult church members! The second Sunday night a man tried to stay at home but the Spirit of God convicted him of his lost condition in such a way that he had to come and trust Christ as his Saviour. There were also at least thirty definite public decisions of rededications. And praise the Lord, Dr. Rice, one man and his wife (a deacon in the church) became convicted about the lodge. They both made a definite stand for Christ during the meeting. I trust that they will come out of this ungodly organization. They woke up to the fact that the junior lodge was taking their son away from the Lord into sin. The father, a thirty second degree Mason, said, 'What will I do?' I advised my son to join the lodge. Now what will he think when I ask him to get out?' Oh, how I do praise the Lord for the thrill of seeing the gospel work!"

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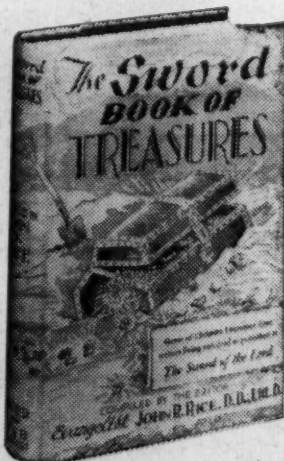
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## Men and Their Sins

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let me make the right steps!"

What a sin when a man does not lead his family right! You are an example!

When I was fifteen years of age I worked on a farm in the black flats of West Texas. Jeff Lyles was in charge. After supper we stood on the back porch and looked at the stars. As we stood there, Brother Jeff, that good old Christian man, said, "Brother John, I want you to pray for my boys. Russell, the youngest, is saved. And Flora is saved. But my older boys who saw me when I drank and heard me cuss—I can't get any of them saved. They don't go to church. I got the younger crowd but the older crowd who knew my life before I was converted are still unsaved. John, pray for my boys!"

It is an awfully hard thing for Dad to live down a bad example. That is a sin against the family. When your children do not have a good example, as when they do not have enough discipline, then you are sinning against your family, in God's sight. You men hear me. You ought to love your children, but you are not a good Dad unless you bear down and make them mind. Any Dad who allows the wife to call them and does not make them get up the first time they are called, then his children are likely to go to ruin. And the dad sure is headed for trouble in his own life later on, if he does not make them, step when he speaks to them.

A good woman said to Dr. Bob Jones: "Dr. Bob, will you pray for my fourteen-year-old boy who is breaking my heart? He won't mind me. He does this, that and the other, and he is breaking my heart."

"No," Dr. Bob Jones said, "I am not going to pray for him. What's the use of wasting my time praying when you could fix it in a few minutes with a stick?"

Why pray like a hypocrite when God has already told you what to do? That is a lot more religious than praying. If I have integrity, I will be like God and against sin. I will teach my children what is right and that they can't get by with sin.

I look back on my dad with joy. I have never been able to get him down to anything less than a giant in my mind. My dad did not have much education. Yet he spent one term in the State Senate. He always looms up as a giant. When my dad said a thing had to be a certain way, my dad was like God. The first time I ever heard, "Your sin will find you out," that, I already knew! I didn't know before that it was in the Bible, but I already knew that it was so. When I began to learn the great fundamentals of the moral law as stated in the Word of God, I already knew them in substance. I knew I was a sinner. My father had well represented God to me.

Listen, men; take your place in your home and discipline it for the Lord Jesus Christ. You had better leave some marks now. One day your children will rise up to bless your hoary hairs. Wade in and make good men and women out of them now. It may take stripes and a rod and other serious means. Mean business about it, in Jesus' name.

Read what God said to Eli. I dare you to find a flaw in the way the man lived. He paid his debts. He was devoted to God. But God said, "Eli, because your sons made themselves vile and you did not restrain them, I will take your family from the priesthood forever."

Eli might have said, "But God, these sons are grown and married; they are men with families."

"I know, but had you wanted so, you could have handled them."

Did you know that the man ought to stand in the place of God in his home? May God give you grace to do it.

**3. The Father Sins Against the Family Who Does Not Win Them to Christ.**

I stood in South Dallas in a funeral parlor. I stood by a casket after I had preached the funeral sermon. The curtain was drawn and the little family gathered around the casket. A young

man stood by the casket and wept, a young man about twenty-one. He said, "My father was a Christian. I think he was; he said he was. I guess he was a Christian. But, Brother Rice, I never heard him pray. If I could only remember one time when I heard my father call on God and pray for his children! Oh, I guess he was a Christian, but if I could remember one time I ever heard my dad pray!" A boy ought to have that privilege. God give us men to lead the family right.

I keep thinking about the old jailor who got converted. Paul said to him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thine house," if they believe. This old jailor took his responsibility and got the whole family converted and baptized before daylight the next morning. I like that. Some people have been converted ten to twenty years and the family is still not saved. Phooey on that kind of religion! You are like Lot in Sodom who was as one that mocked to his sons-in-law. What we need is some men who can get their families saved. Up and down this country, wherever I go for a revival, women will come to me and say, "Oh, pray for my husband!" And they are not always won. Some of them are pretty hard. But I dare say that you never knew a man who was bold and upright and who meant business and who said, "I want you to pray for my wife," but that she was saved. Listen to me. You may have known a man who waited until his boy got forty years of age and he drank and cursed and then couldn't win him, but I dare say these preachers never knew a man who really wanted his boy, who wasn't over fifteen or sixteen saved, but that he got him, if he tried. A man can lead his family. A wife cannot always lead and the children cannot always lead, but the husband and father can lead the family for God, if he begins in time and means business. God meant for you to rise up, then, and put on the beautiful garments of strength and be men. "Quit you like men, be strong." Some woman can't win her husband; some man may not be able to win his father and mother, but you can lead sure win the folks in your own house if you mean business and begin in time and if God's power is with you. What a sin to let your own family go to Hell!

### IV. Men's Sins Directly Toward God

You see, all sins are toward God. David, when he got Uriah's wife and led her into sin and had Uriah killed, prayed in the fifty-first Psalm, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight." The prodigal son, when he came home, said, "I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." In some sense, all the sins are against God, but some are so directly aimed at God that they ought to be considered separately.

#### 1. Such a Sin Is Taking God's Name in Vain.

Anybody who curses is a sorry, dirty-minded old cuss.

I remind you that I have had a rather wide experience. I rode after cattle and horses in west Texas, in pretty rough country. I played college football. I was in the U. S. Infantry. I worked on public works. And so I have had a wide experience with men. I have never known a case where I knew the facts about it but that the profane who took God's name in vain, was also lewd and vulgar in respect to women. A man who does not reverence Almighty God will not reverence the virtue of a nice woman. He is fundamentally rotten in his heart when he is profane. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." "Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." So said Jesus in Mark 7:21, 22. "Oh, I don't mean anything by it," you say. They are your very

life's breath. It is natural for you to speak profanely because you have a profane nature. Yes, out of the wickedness, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. If anyone here is a profane swearer, if you take God's name in vain, I wish you would stop to realize that out of the abundance of a rotten sewer of a heart wrong with God come these words. And you sure need a new heart! If there be here a profane swearer, one who takes God's name in vain, in God's name repent of it and confess your sin to God and get forgiveness! That is a sin directly against God.

#### 2. The Sin of Ingratitude.

There are other such sins. Ingratitude to God is one. It is a strange thing that a man will eat the food God provides and never thank God. A man sits down at the table and like a hog with both feet in the trough and snoot in the swill, doesn't even look up to grunt. When I used to unsaddle and feed tired horses, often they had enough sense to whinny their thanks. Some of you do not have as much character, as much principle as an honest beast of burden! I am talking about men. God gave you a good home—you never thank Him. God gives you every breath, every heart beat; God gives you good health, a good wife, little babies—you don't thank Him. How infinitely ungrateful is any wretch who does not love God after all His goodness! Don't you see that is a sin directly against the God who loved you?

#### 3. The Sin of Ignoring the Bible.

Another sin directly against God is that you ignore His Word and do not love the Bible. I am sorry for a man who does not love the Bible. A man is awfully ignorant who does not read the Bible. I am interested in books. I head the Sword Book Club. A group of distinguished men—college presidents, editors and evangelists—are judges for our book club. A great group of men help in this, such as Dr. Robert G. Lee, Dr. John W. Bradbury, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., Dr. Hyman J. Appelmann, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, and others. I am interested in books. But there are no books like the Bible. There are no books in the neighborhood of it. As different as the sun is different from the earth is this Book from other books. Almighty God wrote a book and you don't read it. You despise it. It is full of warnings—you do not heed them. It is full of promises—you do not believe them. It is full of offers and invitations—you spurn them. What a sin for a man not to love the Bible and read the Bible!

#### 4. The Sin of Rejecting Christ.

Now I come to the last word, and that is the sin of all sins against God. There is no sin, of all sins of men, like the sin of rejecting Christ. Remember that when a man rejects Christ, he may be rejecting for his wife, his children and his grandchildren yet unborn. He may be sending not only himself but many others to Hell. There is no sin like that. Drunkenness is terrible but not as bad a sin as this or rejecting Christ. Adultery is bad, but not nearly so bad as rejecting Christ. The Holy Spirit calls and pleads with you. Let Jesus come in, through His own representative, the Holy Spirit, and let Him make you His high priest and forgive your sins and cleanse you. Let Jesus come in and make you a new creature. Don't turn Him down. Christ died for you. You know strong men ought to be tender. Strong men ought to be grateful. Strong men ought to be honorable. You are none of those if you reject Jesus Christ who died to keep you out of Hell, who pours out all the blessings of

Heaven upon you. Listen; the worst sin any man can commit is to reject Jesus Christ.

I wonder how many of you men can say, "I thank God I know I am already saved. I am guilty of some of the sins mentioned but I know I am already saved." I would like for a bunch of us to stand again today. I want to give myself anew to God today. I want Him to consecrate me and make me fit to be a husband and father, fit to be a good man. Do you want to be a weakling, a shirker, a slacker, a quitter, an unprincipled, un-Christian man? Or do you want the Holy Spirit of Christ to take His place and live in your body? Do you want, when you pray, to

lift up holy hands, without fear and doubting? How many of you men would like to make a new dedication to Jesus Christ to lead your family for God? How many of you will, with the Lord's help, set out to lead your family for God, be God's good man? How many of you can say, "I want Jesus to have me, lock, stock and barrel"? How many want to be God's kind of man? Can you men stand on that?

Now some of you may not be Christians. Will you give Jesus Your life today? Will you say, "If He will take me, I give myself to Him today"? Will you say that?

(Most men stood. Then three came forward to claim Christ as Saviour.)

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By The Editor

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